

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 943

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ebony Sherece Thomas,
2008 Valedictorian of Raleigh-Egypt High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ebony Sherece Thomas is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Raleigh-Egypt High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Thomas has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ebony has earned an exemplary 4.35 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young lady has earned numerous other accolades; she was included on the Principal's List, attended the prestigious Phillips Exeter Academy in Massachusetts, and was voted Most Likely to Succeed by her classmates; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, Ms. Thomas has served with distinction as President of the National Honor Society and as a member of the Student Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Ebony has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy causes, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, the Summer Program at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, St. Peters Villa, the Mariah House, and a food bank; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ebony's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Deborah Shannon and Eddie Thomas, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Raleigh-Egypt High School Valedictorian, Ebony Sherece Thomas, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.